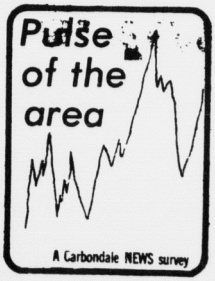
Have an idea for the post office building?



Now that all systems are go for the constuction of a new Post Office on a tract of land on Dundaff Street, the question comes to mind of what will become of the present Post Office on North Main Street, once it's relocated.

At a meeting held several weeks ago at Berean Baptist Church, sponsored by the Carbondale Historical Society, it seemed that the majority of residents in attendance opposed the move, saying that a larger facility seems unnecessary since Carbondale's population is lower than it was in former days. Others said that a post office located away from Main Street would be inconvenient to reach, especially for the elderly residing in the vicinity of Main Street.

Postmaster Gerald Barrett pointed out that the volume of mail handled at the faciltiy has increased greatly in recent years, and despite the drop in Carbondale's population to about 12,000, the post office delivers mail to 24,000 persons each day, in Carbondale, Greenfield Township, Fell Township, Carbondale Township and RD Carbondale. Barrett said that the present building is just too small to allow workers to handle mail efficiently and safely.

What use the present postal facility will be put to is unknown right now. What's your opinion? What do you think it should be used for? Use the blank below to jot down your ideas and send it in to us. We'd like to hear from you, and maybe your ideas will get other people thinking about the future of this historical, beautifully constructed building.

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My suggestion for use of the present Post Office building in the future is as follows:

1. Persuade the United States Postal Service to donate the building to the Carbondale Historical Society for use as a Greater Carbondale Area Museum.

2. Persuade Lackawanna County to buy the building for use as the Upper Lackawanna Valley Museum.

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